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The United States Embassy in Baku was troubled by news Baku municipal authorities on August 11 demolished the offices of the Institute for Peace and Democracy in Baku. Of particular concern, the demolition took place despite a May 24 injunction by a district administrative court forbidding the expropriation or destruction of the property in question. Moreover, the owner of the building was out of the country and unable to recover property and records before the demolition.

The United States Embassy urges the authorities of Azerbaijan to open a dialogue with affected citizens to assure that laws on property rights are respected, and underscores the central role of respect for property rights and rule of law as foundations of a free and prosperous society.

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